

IASB: Outside Iowa Revenues/Expenses

1. Lighthouse Multi-State Project: Board Leadership for Student Achievement (2006-present):

A five-year national study will replicate the Lighthouse approach developed in Iowa to test its effectiveness in five states and compare its effectiveness with best practices of state school board associations for developing board leadership for improving student learning in three additional states.

The program is designed to have each participating state pay \$5,000 once per year to cover miscellaneous expenses and general training costs associated with the project. The project is led by Mary Delagardelle and Hilary LaMonte.

2. Iowa Playground Surfacing Program

The Iowa Playground Surfacing Program (IPSP) is designed to provide rubber tile surfacing for Iowa school playgrounds. The tiles are made of recyclable rubber tires, and an Iowa company assists schools with design, equipment and installation of their playgrounds. The sponsored vendor on the IPSP program is now doing business as the National Playground Compliance Group.

IASB has partnered with the National Safe Surfacing Initiative to arrange interest-free loans to make this surfacing available to all schools in Iowa.

Quality surfacing is a critical solution to assist in protecting children from injury. According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission:

70 percent of all playground injuries are due to falls on playground surfaces.
76 percent of all of these injuries take place at public playgrounds.

Benefits of IPSP rubber tiles include:

- Protection.
- Long-term maintenance savings.
- Universal access.
- More play time.

The program originally only received sponsorship revenues on Iowa school playgrounds. Several other state associations started similar programs and as a result Local Government Services (LGS) now receives sponsorship revenue from the vendor at 20 cents per the tile equivalent for playgrounds installed in MO, CA and MN. For FY2010, through December 31, 2009, that amounts to revenues of \$2,121.50. For FY2009, that revenue amounted to \$1,486.60. LGS did not incur any direct expenses for FY2009 or FY2010 related to the out of state participants in this program.

3. PaySchools Program. This is still being audited – information will be forthcoming.